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## DARING POACHER.

### Capt. Alexander McLean Arrested on Pacific Coast.

#### Skipper of Famous Carmencita Held in British Columbia.

A despatch from Washington says that Capt. Alexander McLean was arrested Tuesday night at Victoria, C. B., by Canadian authorities, at the request of the American consul, acting for the Department of Justice, under an indictment obtained more than a year ago at San Francisco, on a charge of conspiracy in fitting out the schooner Carmencita in violation of the sealing laws. A telegram received at the State Department yesterday announcing the arrest says that the Carmencita has been refitted under the name of Acapulco of alleged Mexican registry, and with a crew made up of men said to be as "choice a band of robbers and cutthroats as have manned a pirate craft since the days of Capt. Kidd."

Collector Newbury at Victoria seized all papers on board the schooner, and will hold an investigation into the alleged irregularity of Capt. McLean, who is accused of shipping guns in California for the purpose of a raid on the seal rookeries. McLean claims Mexican register and is flying the Mexican flag.

Hiding by day, traveling by night, careful not of time, but only of secrecy, a few of these daring navigators still make a good living in a traffic which the law declares to be illegal, and a great secrecy must be observed if a rookery is raided, for confiscation of the boat and imprisonment of the crew and hunters would follow detection. Still, for the gain to be obtained, there are still those who will take the chances. Of that number is Capt. Alex McLean, skipper of sch. Carmencita.

The Carmencita, because of the reputation of her skipper, as well as owing to the record of the craft, and her peculiar movements, was an object of concern by the officials from the time she came north to Victoria last March to outfit ostensibly for the Mexican trade. She had then on board about a dozen hunters, but practically no crew. The hunters were compelled to navigate the ship until Drake's Bay, about 30 miles from San Francisco, was reached. Here about 30 men, most of them of unprepossessing appearance, were taken on, and before the authorities could get in touch with the mysterious craft, she had cleared and stood out to sea.

From this point her voyage proceeded, not south to Mexico, but to the north, and a few days later she was reported from the west coast of Vancouver Island, into which she had put for repairs and water. From this point again she continued north, spent some time in Behring Sea, from which point strange tales of her escapades reached the outside, and a day or two ago arrived back again on the west coast after evading the gunboats sent out by the United States government to apprehend her.

The stories told by the hunters who have reached Victoria, indicate that McLean was evidently bent on mischief, but the hunters becoming suspicious of him notified him that they would not hunt, and he was compelled to return. Provisions ran short, and one of the ship's officers, Capt. Thomas, died. But the crew made no raid and had no conflict with the guards, as reported on the coast. In fact, McLean seems to have spent most of his time keeping out of the way of passing steamers.

On his arrival on the coast the collector of customs summoned him to appear before him to explain his erratic action, while United States warships have been despatched to pick up the vessel as soon as she comes out of Clayoquot.

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## FOR HERRING CARGOES.

### Two Vessels Will Sail For Newfoundland Today.

#### ARE FIRST OF THE FLEET.

#### Completely Equipped for Catching Their Own Fares.

The authoritative telegram in yesterday's TIMES on the Newfoundland herring situation, coming direct as it did from the Newfoundland Minister of Fisheries to one of the leading fishing firms in this city and confirming officially the situation up to date, as had previously been stated in the TIMES on the strength of other telegrams, is generally accepted by the fishing interest here as being the facts in the case as far as the Newfoundland government is concerned, up to the present time. What will or may happen is only a matter of conjecture. Something may be done or something may not be done. Newfoundland may or may not change her front, but it looks on the face of accurate information received from the above official source that the latter will probably be the case.

As was stated some time ago in the TIMES, some of the vessel owners have apparently accepted the situation and have gone on and made ready to secure fares by fitting out vessels to catch their own herring, the crafts being fitted with dories, nets, buoys, etc. In this they are acting within their rights, according to the treaty of 1818.

This morning the first of this fleet will sail for Bay of Islands, N. F. to catch fares of

herring. Schs. Carrie W. Babson, Capt. Jerry Cook, and sch. Parthia, Capt. George W. Turner, are all ready and will sail today on their voyages. Both skippers are men of experience in securing herring fares and are conservative men of judgment and ability. Capt. Cook made a record at Bay of Islands last season which will probably never be beaten.

No trouble is expected and there seems to be no fair, provided there are herring, to the vessels getting full, salted fares.

Beside these two vessels, others are fitting, and there is now every prospect that quite a good sized fleet will go to Bay of Islands fitted with all the gear for catching their own fares. Beside this, it is understood that one Boston concern has already chartered a Nova Scotia vessel to go down and get a fare and are looking to charter another.

An occasional correspondent of the TIMES writes, regarding particularly the situation at Bay of Islands, that not having received any definite information from the government at St. John's, N. F., as to what the situation will be, neither merchants or fishermen have made any preparations for the fall run of herring there.

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## MORE BLUNT TALK.

### Western Star Speaks for New- foundland Fishermen.

#### Asks Government to Apply Sus- pension Clause.

That bright Newfoundland weekly, the Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star, which has always championed the cause of the home fishermen, is out again after the home government in its issue of September 20, with an editorial which is, like its others, is written in good plain language, and shows the position of the Newfoundland fishermen with reference to Premier Bond's now famous bait act and calls upon the home government to apply the suspension clause and give the fishermen a chance to make a living. The editorial is certainly well worth reading and is as follows:

"We thank our contemporaries, particularly the Trade Review, for coming to our assistance in the agitation over the discriminatory law against the Americans, which prevents our people from engaging in the usual fall and winter herring fishery.

"O, that it were possible to shake the very foundation of our government, and bring them to view this matter as we of the West Coast do. If they could but fully realize the great loss it will mean to this section of the country, when we have comparatively nothing to gain by the enforcement of the bait act, we feel sure they would suspend its operation, and that right early.

"The Trade Review pointedly states that the people living on the east coast of the island can scarcely realize what the winter herring fishery is to the people of the south and west coasts. Last season it aggregated the value of \$150,000 and to the individual fisherman engaged it is, at a moderate computation, four times as valuable as the seal fishery is to the man employed in it. It is a business of quick realization and hard dollars, and it is the mainstay and commercial back-bone of the west coast.

"The government will probably muster sense enough to realize this, and put the suspension clause in force. Every man in this country, who has any knowledge of the position as between Yankee and Newfoundland fishermen, knows that the only sure solution of the trouble lies in the imposition of an export duty on herrings going out in Yankee bottoms, equivalent to the import duty charge on herrings going in British bottoms to the United States.

"We don't want to quarrel with the Americans; we don't want any concessions from the Americans; as they treat us we desire to treat them—nothing more. If they tax our stuff going into their markets in our ships, we should clap on the equalizer on this end, and, as the goods involved cannot be procured any where else, and as they are badly wanted by Uncle Sam, we stand to come square out of the business if nothing more."

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, pollock.  
Sch. Elrida, pollock.  
Sch. M. H. Perkins, pollock.  
Sch. Quickstep, Brown's Bank, 130,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Frank Butler, seining.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.12-2 for large.



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\$3.62 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.10; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.  
 Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do, \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.10; all other fresh haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.  
 Outside sales fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt.  
 Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.12 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$4 for medium.  
 Fresh halibut, 7 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 5 1-2 cts. for gray.  
 Rips cod, \$5 per cwt. for large and \$4 for medium.  
 Large salt mackerel, \$30.00 per bbl.  
 Salt tinker mackerel, \$15.00 per bbl.  
 Large fresh mackerel, 19 cts. each.  
 Outside sales fresh fish, haddock, [\$1.10; large cod, \$2.50; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.  
 Outside sales salt bank cod, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums.

**Boston.**

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 4500 haddock, 8000 cod, 8000 hake, 5000 pollock.  
 Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 9000 haddock, 2000 hake, 500 pollock.  
 Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, \$1.

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### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Marsala, Georges, 8000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges, 4000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Atalanta, Bacileu Bank, 30,000 lbs. flitched halibut.  
 Sch. Olga, La Have Bank, 115,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. John L. Nicholson, Banks, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Norma, seining, 20 bbls. salt tinkers.  
 Sch. Vera, Georges, 7 bbls. large salt mackerel, 43 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.  
 Sch. Lorna Doone, Georges, 16,000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Annie and Jennie, pollocking.  
 Sch. Two Forty, pollocking.  
 Sch. A. C. Newhall, pollocking.  
 Sch. Defender, pollocking.  
 Sch. Esther Gray, pollocking.  
 Sch. Arthur James, seining, 1 bbl. large salt mackerel, 20 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.  
 Sch. Inez, Corea, Me., 900 qtls. cured fish.  
 Sch. John B. Norris, Southwest Harbor, 900 qtls. cured fish.  
 Sch. A. T. Hains, Jonesport, Me., 500 qtls. cured fish, 17 bbls. pickled codfish.  
 Pinkey & Co. Matamoras, New Harbor, Me., 100 qtls. cured fish.

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Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do, \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.10; all other fresh haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

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### Boston.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 60,000 haddock, 400 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 6000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 45,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Braganza, 300 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Gleniz, 16,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 200 hake, 200 pollock.

Sch. Conqueror, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 1000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 60,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 5000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 45,000 hake, 5000 pollock, 45,000 cusk.

Sch. Aleina, 3000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Onato, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 60,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 11,000 hake.

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Sch. Irido, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. William A. Morse.

Sch. Thomas A. Crowell, 60,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Julia Costa, 10,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Yankee, 18,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 36,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 45,000 haddock, 5500 hake, 800 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 13,000 pollock.

Sch. Frances M. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 4000 hake, 3000 pollock.

Haddock \$1.25, large cod \$2.75, market cod \$1.85, hake 75 cts. to \$1.25, pollock \$1.25.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. James Ellis and his crew, who have been seining all summer in the sch. Nellie Dixon of Boston, are at this port today to fit sch. Monitor of this port for a trip to the North Bay and Cape Shore.

### ANOTHER FLITCHER HOME.

Sch. Atalanta Arrives with Small Fare of Halibut.

Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, another of the flitched halibut fleet, arrived home yesterday from the far north with a small fare, 30,000 pounds of flitched halibut. The Atalanta was unfortunate in losing some cable and trawls and an anchor.

### LARGE HERRING SHOW.

Twenty Barrels Taken Yesterday in Nelson's Trap.

The first large herring of the season, 20 barrels, were taken yesterday morning in Nelson's harbor trap, off the Colonial Arms. The shore boats eagerly took them for bait. This catch is an early one.

### SCH. ALOHA HEARD FROM.

At Bay Bulls from Flemish Cap with Fine Fare.

Not since the sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, of this port, sailed from here on her second salt bank trip of the season, has any word been heard from her but once, when she was way up in the Straits of Belle Isle. That was some time ago, and in some quarters there was some concern as to her whereabouts.

This morning, however, word was received from her, she arriving at Bay Bulls, N. F., yesterday, and Capt. McInnis telegraphed the owners of the craft, Cunningham & Thomson, of this port that he was just in from the Flemish Cap and had 260,000 pounds of salted codfish on board.

This is a splendid fare, the best catch yet reported for a vessel on her second trip to the banks this season. All were well on board the vessel.

### First of Herring Fleet Sails.

Sch. Carrie W. Babson, Capt. Jerry Cook, the first of the Newfoundland salt herring fleet, sailed this forenoon for Bay of Islands.

## ALL POINTS INCLUDED.

### Official Information Regarding Newfoundland Herring.

### MARINE MINISTER'S STATEMENT

### Export of Herring by Foreign Vessels Forbidden.

According to present official advice the Newfoundland government will not allow American fishermen to secure herring in any of the waters of that colony the coming season as heretofore.

It was predicted exclusively in yesterday's TIMES that unless the position maintained by the Newfoundland government was changed, American vessels would not be able to secure herring in the same manner as in past seasons at Bay of Islands this year. Now it is an announced fact and not only applies to the Bay of Islands, but all other places as well.

In order to learn the exact situation, and find out what the Newfoundland government intended to do relative to the American herring industry, a well known fish dealer, prominent in the herring trade, took it upon himself to ascertain the facts, and consequently yesterday he sent this telegram to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries of Newfoundland, at St. John's:

"Will American vessels be allowed to take herring in Newfoundland waters for salting and freezing, as in previous years?"

Then came the following reply, which in a few words tells very much:

"At present law forbids purchase and export of herring by any foreign vessel.

(Signed)

Minister of Marine and Fisheries.